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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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PAUL L. GERMAIN,  
Plaintiff

V.

JOHN DINUCCIO, and  
RONALD A. HEMEON,  
Defendants

Civil Action

No.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

JUDGE Cohen

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DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASS.

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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Now comes the Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter and says:

General Factual Allegations

1. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, is a resident of Georgetown, Massachusetts.
2. The Defendant, John DiNuccio, is a resident of Boxford, Massachusetts.
3. The Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, is a resident of Essex, Massachusetts.
4. On or about December 14, 2001, the Plaintiff was employed by the Defendant, John DiNuccio.
5. On or about December 14, 2001, the Plaintiff was employed by the Defendant, John DiNuccio, as a seaman, and a member of the crew of the F/V LISA ROSE.
6. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, John DiNuccio, owned the F/V LISA ROSE.
7. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, John DiNuccio, chartered the F/V LISA ROSE from some other person or entity.
8. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, John DiNuccio, operated the F/V LISA ROSE.

9. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, John DiNuccio, or the Defendant's agents, servants, and/or employees, controlled the F/V LISA ROSE.

10. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, owned the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET.

11. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, chartered the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET from some other person or entity.

12. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, operated the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET.

13. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, or the Defendant's agents, servants, and/or employees, controlled the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET.

14. On or about December 14, 2001, the F/V LISA ROSE was in navigable waters.

15. On or about December 14, 2001, the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET was in navigable waters.

16. On or about December 14, 2001, the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET and the F/V LISA ROSE were moored at the Jodrey State Fish Pier in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

17. On or about December 14, 2001, while in the in the performance of his duties in the service of the F/V LISA ROSE, the Plaintiff sustained personal injuries.

18. Prior to and at the time he sustained the above mentioned personal injuries, the Plaintiff was exercising due care.

#### Jurisdiction

19. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46 U.S.C. §688 et. seq.

20. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, the General Maritime Law, and 28 U.S.C. §1331.

COUNT I

Paul L. Germain v. John DiNuccio

(JONES ACT NEGLIGENCE)

21. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, reiterates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

22. The personal injuries sustained by the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, were not caused by any fault on his part but were caused by the negligence of the Defendant John DiNuccio, his agents, servants and/or employees.

23. As a result of said injuries, the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, has suffered pain of body and anguish of mind, lost time from his usual work and pursuits, incurred medical expenses, and has sustained and will sustain other damages as will be shown at trial.

24. This cause of action is brought under the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly called the Jones Act.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, demands judgment against the Defendant, John DiNuccio, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, together with interest and costs.

COUNT II

Paul L. Germain v. John DiNuccio

(GENERAL MARITIME LAW - UNSEAWORTHINESS)

25. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, reiterates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

COUNT IV

Paul L. Germain v. John DiNuccio

(GENERAL MARITIME LAW/JONES ACT - INTENTIONAL/NEGLIGENT  
FAILURE TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND CURE)

31. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, reiterates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

32. As a result of the personal injuries described in paragraph 17 above, the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for his maintenance and cure.

33. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, has made demand upon the Defendant, John DiNuccio, for the provision of maintenance and cure.

34. The Defendant, John DiNuccio, has negligently, willfully, arbitrarily, and/or unreasonably failed to provide the Plaintiff with his maintenance and cure in a timely and adequate manner.

35. As a result of the Defendant's failure to provide the Plaintiff maintenance and cure, the Plaintiff has sustained and will continue to sustain damages, including without limitation, pain of body and anguish of mind, lost time from his usual work and pursuits, medical & hospital expenses, attorneys fees, and has sustained and will sustain other damages as will be shown at trial.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, demands judgment against the Defendant, John DiNuccio, in the amount of \$250,000.00, as compensatory damages for failure to pay maintenance and cure, together with costs, interest, and reasonable attorneys fees.

COUNT V

Paul L. Germain v. Ronald A. Hemeon

(GENERAL MARITIME LAW NEGLIGENCE)

36. The Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, reiterates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

37. On or about December 14, 2001, the Defendant, Ronald A. Hemeon, or the Defendant's agents, servants, and/or employees, used a gangway at the Jodrey State Fish Pier to slide tubs of herring bait to the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET.

38. On or about December 14, 2001, the Plaintiff slipped on said gangway while attempting to board the F/V LISA ROSE.

39. The personal injuries sustained by the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, were not caused by any fault on his part but were caused by the negligence of the Defendant Ronald A. Hemeon, his agents, servants and/or employees, in sliding tubs of herring bait to the F/V ALEXIS MARGARET.

40. As a result of said injuries, the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain, has suffered pain of body and anguish of mind, lost time from his usual work and pursuits, incurred medical expenses, and has sustained and will sustain other damages as will be shown at trial.

41. This cause of action is brought under the General Maritime Law.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, together with interest and costs.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES

RAISED IN COUNTS I – V.

Respectfully submitted for the  
the Plaintiff, Paul L. Germain,  
by his attorney,



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Dated: 11/22/04

# CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

## I (a) PLAINTIFFS

Paul L. Germain

## DEFENDANTS

John Dinuccio and Ronald A. Hemeon

## (b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF

Essex

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

## COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT

Essex

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

## (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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## ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties IN Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(For Diversity Cases Only)

(PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | Foreign Nation                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/ PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
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## V. ORIGIN

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## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY.) This is an admiralty personal injury case brought under the Jones Act and the General Maritime Law.

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION

DEMAND \$1,000,000.00

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

DATE 11/23/04 JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER  
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. Title of case (name of first party on each side only) Paul L. Germain V. John Dinnaggio and Ronald A. Hemeon.
2. Category in which the case belongs based upon the numbered nature of suit code listed on the civil cover sheet. (See local rule 40.1(a)(1)).
- ☐ I. 160, 410, 470, R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.
- ☐ II. 195, 368, 400, 440, 441-444, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, 740, 790, 791, 820\*, 830\*, 840\*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950. *Also complete AO 120 or AO 121 for patent, trademark or copyright cases*
- ☒ III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.
- ☐ IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.
- ☐ V. 150, 152, 153.
3. Title and number, if any, of related cases. (See local rule 40.1(g)). If more than one prior related case has been filed in this district please indicate the title and number of the first filed case in this court.
4. Has a prior action between the same parties and based on the same claim ever been filed in this court?  
YES ☐ NO ☒
5. Does the complaint in this case question the constitutionality of an act of congress affecting the public interest? (See 28 USC §2403)  
YES ☐ NO ☒
- If so, is the U.S.A. or an officer, agent or employee of the U.S. a party?  
YES ☐ NO ☒
6. Is this case required to be heard and determined by a district court of three judges pursuant to title 28 USC §2284?  
YES ☐ NO ☒
7. Do all of the parties in this action, excluding governmental agencies of the united states and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("governmental agencies"), residing in Massachusetts reside in the same division? - (See Local Rule 40.1(d)).  
YES ☒ NO ☐
- A. If yes, in which division do all of the non-governmental parties reside?  
Eastern Division ☒ Central Division ☐ Western Division ☐
- B. If no, in which division do the majority of the plaintiffs or the only parties, excluding governmental agencies, residing in Massachusetts reside?  
Eastern Division ☐ Central Division ☐ Western Division ☐
8. If filing a Notice of Removal - are there any motions pending in the state court requiring the attention of this Court? (If yes, submit a separate sheet identifying the motions)  
YES ☐ NO ☒

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